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**Subject:** 1/30 1530 PST Update on Greka Oil Spills - Santa Barbara Co

The Emergency Response Section is now working on 3 oil releases related to Greka Energy and an additional release attributed to a crude pipeline operated by Equillon (formerly Shell) (yesterday reported as a Chevron pipeline) in Santa Barbara County. The pipeline release was discovered late yesterday afternoon. Releases from the Davis, Belle and Bradley 3 Island leases have resulted in oil discharges to flowing creeks and streams. Further complicating matters at the Bradley 3 Island lease is that a power pole was downed releasing PCB contaminated oils from 3 transformers. Investigation of the PCB release suggests preliminarily that some of the PCB oil entered the creek and travelled downstream. Potential impacts from the PCB release may include California Tiger Salamander habitat (Fed/State T/E Species). US Fish and Wildlife (Ventura Office) have been contacted

Today, OSCs Wise, Suter, and Duncan are responding and are integrated into an Unified Area Command with CA Fish and Game and Santa Barbara County Fire. The Area Command Post is located in central Santa Barbara County on Greka's Ucal lease. CA Fish and Game have 3 wardens and approximately a dozen biologists and spill investigators on-scene. EPA also has SPCC Inspector Reich conducting site visits at other Greka operations and is coordinating these efforts with County Fire. EPA OSCs also have 6 START contractors and 6 USCG Pacific Strike Team members to assist with the response effort. EPA Public Affairs specialists Lisa Fasano and Mary Simms are currently enroute to the command post.

Media interest continues to be very high. Congresswoman Capps office was updated this afternoon.

Additional rain is forecasted for this weekend.

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